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SUBJ: FISHERIES DISPUTE - APPEAL COURT VERDICT AND LONGSHORE-MEN'S BOYCOTT

REF: NASSAU 298

1. COURT DECISION: MARCH 13 TH APPEALS COURT DENIED THE APPEAL OF THE FLORIDA FISHERMEN ON ALL COUNTS. (DETAILS FOLLOW BY SEPTEL.) THE REMAINING THREE FISHERMEN SHOULD FINISH THEIR SENTENCES MARCH 23.

2. SHIPPING BOYCOTT: DESPITE A U. S. COURT INJUNCTION, THE ILA BOYCOTT OF BAHAMAS SHIPPING CONTINUED LAST WEEK. CUBAN- AMERICAN FISHERMEN FORMED A PICKET LINE WHICH LONGSHOREMEN REFUSED TO CROSS DESPITE THE COURT ORDER. AS A RESULT, ABOUT HALF THE CRUISE SHIPS SCHEDULED INTO NASSAU HAD CANCELLED OUT AND THERE HAD BEEN A NOTICEABLE DROP IN TOURISTS AND SHOPPING ON BAY STREET. MARCH 9 U. S. JUDGE FINED MIAMI ILA DOLS 1,000 AND DOCKERS RETURNED TO WORK MARCH 10.

3. LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE: LOCAL COVERAGE HAS BEEN LIMITED TO FACTUAL REPORTING ON EFFECT OF BOYCOTT AND MIAMI COURT ACTION. HOWEVER, MARCH 8 GUARDIAN CARRIED PETULANT COLUMN BY MHA

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NORMAN SOLOMON HEADED " UNCLE SAM - DON' T TREAD ON ME" ACCUS-
ING THE UNITED STATES OF BULLYING THE BAHAMAS. (SOLOMON'S
BAY STREET STORE MUST BE HURTING.) MARCH 12 THE SAME PAPER
PRINTED ANOTHER COLUMN BY A DIFFERENT AUTHOR ENTITLED " UGLY
AMERICAN RIDES AGAIN?" ATTACKING THE ILA.
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